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30. (New) The bone anchor insertion device as recited in Claim 28, wherein said device further comprises a nosepiece disposed distally of said handle and a bone anchor connected to said nosepiece, said second snare extending through said nosepiece, handle, and anchor and being removable from said device from a proximal end thereof.

al 31. (New) A method for making an orthopedic repair, by re-attaching a portion of soft tissue to a portion of adjacent bone, using a bone anchor insertion device comprising a first snare having a first loop and a second snare having a second loop, said method comprising:

- a) threading a free end of a length of suture which extends from said portion of soft tissue through the first loop of said first snare; and
- b) pulling said first snare distally to thereby draw said length of suture through the second loop of said second snare.

32. (New) The method as recited in Claim 31, and further comprising a step of pulling said second snare proximally from said device, thereby threading said suture loop through said device.

REMARKS

Claims 28-32 have been added. Examination of the pending claims 1-32 is respectfully requested.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any necessary fees in connection with this submittal to Deposit Account No. 13-5135.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number below, should